

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A commodity retrieval method for retrieving a desired commodity, comprising the steps of:

5 displaying items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities;

retrieving the commodities based on at least one object of use selected from the items; and

10 displaying information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use.

2. The commodity retrieval method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 preparing in advance a table indicative of correlation between the objects of use and specifications required to attain them;

acquiring specifications corresponding to the selected object of use from the table; and

20 retrieving a commodity using the acquired specifications as retrieval conditions.

3. A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

25 displaying items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities on a user's terminal;

retrieving the commodities based on at least one object of use selected by the terminal; and

displaying, on the terminal, information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use.

4. The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

10 5. The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

preparing in advance a table indicative of correlation between the objects of use and specifications required to attain them;

15 acquiring specifications corresponding to the selected object of use from the table; and

retrieving a commodity for sale using the acquired specifications as retrieval conditions.

20 6. A commodity retrieval method for retrieving a desired accessory commodity pertaining to a main unit commodity, the method comprising the steps of:

25 preparing in advance a table indicative of correlation between main unit commodities and the accessory commodities connectable thereto;

retrieving the table on the basis of a specified main unit commodity; and

displaying information on an accessory commodity connectable to the specified main unit commodity.

7. The commodity retrieval method according to claim 5 6, wherein the accessory commodity connectable to the main unit commodity is one whose operation upon connection to the main unit commodity has already been verified.

8. A commodity retrieval method for retrieving an 10 accessory commodity attendant on a main unit commodity that is sold by way of a network, the method comprising the steps of:

preparing in advance a table indicative of correlation between main unit commodities and accessory 15 commodities connectable thereto;

retrieving the table on the basis of a main unit commodity selected by a user's terminal; and

displaying, on the terminal, information on an accessory commodity connectable to the selected main unit 20 commodity.

9. The commodity retrieval method according to claim 8, wherein the accessory commodity connectable to the main unit commodity is one whose operation upon connection to 25 the main unit commodity has already been verified.

10. The commodity retrieval method according to claim

8, wherein the main unit commodity is a personal computer,
and wherein the accessory commodity includes at least one
of peripheral devices such as a memory, a scanner, a
printer, an auxiliary memory unit and a communication
5 unit.

11. The commodity retrieval method according to claim
8, wherein the network is Internet.

10 12. A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides
a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the
computer apparatus executing a transaction with an
Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus
comprising:

15 a database of a commodity for sale;
a retrieval unit for retrieving the database on the
basis of at least one object of use of the commodity for
sale, selected by the terminal; and
a communication unit for transmitting data on a
20 commodity having specifications corresponding to the
selected object of use to the terminal.

13. A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides
a commodity sale transaction site for selling main unit
25 commodities and accessory commodities associated
therewith, the computer apparatus executing a transaction
with an Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus

comprising:

a storage unit for storing a table indicative of correlation between the main unit commodities and the accessory commodities whose operations upon connection to the main unit commodities have already been verified;

a retrieval unit for retrieving the table from a main unit commodity selected by the terminal; and

a communication unit for transmitting to the terminal data on the accessory commodities whose operations for the selected main unit have already been verified.

14. A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit for transmitting to the server at least one piece of object of use data on a commodity selected by selecting operation, the communication unit receiving from the server data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use; and

a display unit for displaying the received commodity data.

15. A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a

server that provides a commodity sale transaction site for selling main unit commodities and accessory commodity associated therewith on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

5 a communication unit for transmitting to the server data on a main unit commodity selected by selecting operation, the communication unit receiving data on accessory commodities whose operations upon connection to the selected main unit commodity have already been
10 verified; and

 a display unit for displaying the received data on the accessory commodities.

16. A computer program product allowing a computer that
15 executes a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network

 to display objects of use of commodities for sale on the terminal;

 to retrieve a database of the commodities for sale
20 on the basis of at least one object of use selected by the terminal; and

 to transmit to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use.

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17. A computer program product allowing a computer that executes a commodity sale transaction with a user's

terminal by way of a network

to specify a main unit commodity by the terminal;

to retrieve a correlation table on the basis of the
main unit commodity specified by the terminal, the
5 correlation table indicating correlation between main
unit commodities and accessory commodities whose
operations upon connection to the main unit commodities
have already been verified; and

to transmit to the terminal data on accessory
10 commodities whose operations for the specified main unit
commodity have already been verified.

18. A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides
a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the
15 computer apparatus executing a transaction with an
Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus
comprising:

a database of a commodity for sale;

a retrieval unit for retrieving the database on the
20 basis of at least one specification of the commodity for
sale, selected by the terminal; and

a communication unit for transmitting data on a
commodity having the selected specification to the
terminal.

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19. A computer program product allowing a computer that
executes a commodity sale transaction with a user's

terminal by way of a network

to display specifications of commodities for sale
on the terminal;

to retrieve a database of the commodities for sale
5 on the basis of at least one specification selected by the
terminal; and

to transmit to the terminal data on a commodity
having the selected specification.

10 20. A program storage device readable by a computer,
tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable
by the computer to perform method step for executing a
commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way
of a network, the method comprising the steps of:

15 causing to display objects of use of commodities for
sale on the terminal;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on
the basis of at least one object of use selected by the
terminal; and

20 transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity
having specifications corresponding to the selected
object of use.

25 21. A program storage device readable by a computer,
tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable
by the computer to perform method step for executing a
commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way

of a network, the method comprising the steps of:

causing to specify a main unit commodity by the terminal;

5 retrieving a correlation table on the basis of the main unit commodity specified by the terminal, the correlation table indicating correlation between main unit commodities and accessory commodities whose operations upon connection to the main unit commodities have already been verified; and

10 transmitting to the terminal data on accessory commodities whose operations for the specified main unit commodity have already been verified.

22. A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform method step for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising the steps of:

20 causing to display specifications of commodities for sale on the terminal;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of at least one specification selected by the terminal; and

25 transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having the selected specification.